

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : HOLMES  
Serial No. : 10/664,703  
Confirm. No. : 5196  
Filed : September 18, 2003  
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET...  
Art Unit : 3679  
Examiner : Michael P. Ferguson  
Dated : June 29, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated March 14, 2006 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired June 14, 2006.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



By:

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.